

# DESOLATE REGION WARNED OF SUPER FLOOD

## PRIVATE MOTOR CARRIERS GET C. C. SUPPORT

Directors of Vernon Chamber Ask Legislature To Amend Law Requiring Permits for Distribution—Loving Cup Is Offered in Music Festival.

Directors of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday favoring passage of an amendment by the Legislature to permit private carriers hauling their own goods on the highways to operate without securing permits from the Texas Railroad Commission.

"In effect, we now have statutes which forbid private carriers hauling their own goods on the highways, such as wholesalers, manufacturers and merchants, unless they secure permits from the Railroad Commission, and yet the same laws virtually prohibit the issuance of permits to such 'shipper-owners' because of conflicts with permits already held by common carriers to haul over the same highways," it was pointed out by speakers discussing the question at the meeting. They declared the situation is extremely serious and ridiculous, and if existing laws were strictly enforced no wholesaler or jobber, manufacturer or merchant could remain in business if delivery of merchandise by trucks over highways is essential to their successful operation, which, it was stated, usually is the case.

### Johnson Speaks.

"We think it is eminently fair and just that such business concerns and other bona-fide private carriers be excepted from the terms of existing statutes covering this question, because in order to properly carry on their business they must be allowed to transport over the highways in their own vehicles their own merchandise for sale and delivery to their own customers," President T. Edgar Johnson said.

The resolution did not recommend the application of this principle to vehicles engaged to any extent in transporting the property of others for compensation or hire, it being recognized that this group of carriers necessarily requires different considerations, it was said.

### Wilbarger Quota For Flood Aid Increased

## SPEED URGED BY PRESIDENT ON FLOOD AID

Congress Hastens Debate on \$790,000,000 Relief Request Under Orders From Roosevelt To "Step on It!" —Plan To Increase Fund.

Washington, Jan. 26. (P)—Congress joined the unprecedented Government flood aid program Tuesday by hastening debate on a \$790,000,000 Administration relief request, all of which may be used for disaster victims.

The fund was intended originally to care for work relief until July 1, but President Roosevelt gave word it should be used for flood sufferers until the full extent of the damage is learned.

Then an additional appropriation will be sought.

Many branches of the Government, working day and night, exerted all their energies to aid the homeless, who had passed the half-million mark.

"Step on it!" was the latest command of the President, said one member of his central relief committee.

House consideration of the relief bill was one example of the increased speed. Democratic leaders hoped to pass it by Wednesday night at the latest. It then will go to the Senate for quick consideration.

Opposition was headed by a liberal block under Representative Boileau (Progressive), Wisconsin, who said, regardless of the flood emergency, an effort would be made to increase the appropriation to \$1,040,000,000.

Members from the stricken areas called for speedy execution of flood control projects costing \$310,000,000 which Congress authorized last Spring.

### HOUSE REPUBLICANS FORM PLANS FOR PARTY PROGRESS

Washington, Jan. 26. (P)—The 89 House Republicans embarked Tuesday on a "militant" campaign of opposition to any Democratic proposals which they deem inimical to the Nation's interest.

They instructed their leader, Representative Snell of New York, at a conference Monday night to name a nine-man policy committee to work on a party program.

"We are attempting to organize a militant cohesive minority," said Snell.

Several made it clear they considered this course the best basis for a drive to regain lost party power.

The House itself took up the most important measure so far this session—appropriation of a huge relief fund to last until June 30. The necessity of immediate flood aid spurred consideration, and Democratic leaders said they hoped the measure would pass by Wednesday night.

The Senate had only routine business.

## COMMITTEES IN HOUSE READY TO LAUNCH HEARINGS

Austin, Jan. 26. (P)—Committees of the House of Representatives planned to organize Tuesday for hearings on important bills. Among the groups which scheduled meetings were those on State affairs, oil and gas and revenue and taxation.

Members discussed the committee selections by Speaker Robert W. Calvert and speculated on probable actions on such controversial issues as repeal of the law permitting horse race betting, the oil and sulfur taxes and liberalization of old age pensions.

Calvert said he favored the new rule increasing the power of committees and urged the representatives to give great weight to their recommendations.

Heads of several important committees are less than 30 years old. The average age is only 28.

The Senate rules committee was ready to recommend that standing committees of that branch be given more power.

### SPEAKER ANNOUNCES HEADS OF COMMITTEES IN HOUSE

Austin, Jan. 26. (P)—Speaker Robert W. Calvert of Hillsboro has announced personnel of House committees. Under new rules committees will have added power.

Representative Harry N. Graves of Georgetown was made chairman of the important appropriations committee, J. Bryan Bradbury of Albinia was assigned chairmanship of the liquor traffic committee; Eugene Worley of Shamrock, the oil, gas and mining group, and Alf Roark of Saratoga, revenue and taxation. Fred Maritz of Ganado headed the state affairs committee.

The directors discussed the status of the Davidson-Oklahoma bridge problem on State Highway 28 which connects at Red River with Oklahoma Highway 14, and will push as vigorously as possible the matter of securing construction of a permanent structure across the river at that point. Part of the bridge was destroyed by fire last summer, although a temporary crossing has been in use regularly since then. The Oklahoma Highway Commission also has taken a stand for a completely new and permanent bridge structure there, but no action by the Texas Commission has been taken, so far as local officials have been informed.

President Johnson said the annual membership campaign, launched last week, is not yet completed, but that committees are being asked to finish the work early this week. Good results have been seen thus far, he said, and a very successful campaign as a whole is anticipated.

Eunice Wilson, president of the Vernon Coca-Cola Bottling Company attended the meeting for the first time as a director, he having been elected by the board to fill the unexpired term of M. D. Wolverton who found it impossible to attend directors' meetings regularly.

### Music Prize Offered.

The directors voted to offer a silver loving cup as a prize to the High School Band making the best record in the contests to be held in connection with the annual Music Festival here, April 1 and 2, which will be sponsored by the North Texas Music Teachers Association. About 25 band organizations have been invited to participate from this section of Texas and Southwestern Oklahoma.

Attending the meeting were President Johnson, G. C. Morris, H. E. Alexander, Earl Adamson, C. Q. Rogers, J. N. Wright, C. W. Showers, R. S. Williams, A. H. Huber, J. E. Wright, A. A. Hinsel, Marvin L. Sharp, Eunice Wilson, J. L. Eggleston, and Secretary L. A. Wilson.

### HALL COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S FUNERAL HELD

Memphis, Texas, Jan. 26.—Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church here Monday afternoon for J. C. Cybert, 47, Hall County's District Clerk. Mr. Cybert died at his home late Sunday following an illness of about a year. He was serving his third term as District Clerk.

His last official act was to administer the oath of office from his bedside in a Memphis hospital to Judge A. S. Moss of the One Hundredth Judicial District on Jan. 1.

Surviving are the widow; three daughters, Mrs. Jan Eudy of Turkey Creek, Mrs. Nana V. Offshofer and Billie Faye Cybert of Memphis; and a son, Travis Cybert of Memphis.

### Pope Kept Busy.

Vatican City, Jan. 26. (P)—Pope Pius, refreshed by sleep and heartened by a lessening of his pain, turned busily Tuesday to church affairs. He devoted hours of discussion of administrative problems and later was wheeled into a new glass-enclosed solarium where he basked in the sun.

### ESTIMATES ON RELIEF NEEDS IN SECTION GIVEN

Washington, Jan. 26. (P)—The House appropriations committee asked Congress Monday to appropriate \$23,000,000 for immediate grants to 100,000 families in drought states.

The committee said it heard an appeal for continuation of all WPA work from the West Texas County Judges Association through its president, Alvin R. Allison of Hockley County.

Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, told the committee he estimated employment schedules in Oklahoma and Texas could be reduced starting Feb. 1.

His estimates for the next five months showed: Oklahoma—February 50,000; March 40,000; June 36,400; Texas—February 75,500; March 73,800; April 65,700; May 61,800; June 54,000.

The book is the result of about four months' work. Miss Towry spent the Christmas and Thanksgiving holiday periods, as well as several weekends, in Wilbarger County visiting and interviewing county officials and old settlers, compiling a bibliography on the county, and making field trips to inspect various soil and water conservation projects and to get firsthand information on early settlements.

Several pages in the book are devoted to pictures and drawings of the old cattle brands used by cattlemen of Wilbarger County. A chapter deals with the history of early settlements and with agricultural development of the county. Stories are included in the book as they have been told by the pioneers themselves. The writer describes the first ranch in the coun-

try, the "R2" which was established in 1879 by W. B. Worsham of Henrietta. Another chapter tells of the establishment of mail lines in the county.

A feature of the unit is a group of colored drawings of native wild flowers of the county. Maps drawn to scale show oil and gas wells, railroads, highways, the geographic location of Wilbarger County in Texas, the county's creeks and drainage system, county schools, and old cattle trails which crossed the country.

Vernon as the county seat is discussed in one chapter in which the city's industrial development is traced. Tables show the population of the county and its towns, as well as the mean temperature of the region and general weather conditions. A table on county financing, including the county auditor's report, is included in the book. A concluding chapter shows how the towns of the county received their names, and other chapters deal with the county's Indians and the geological formations in the county. A group of poems depicting life in Texas and its western counties completes the book.

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## TAXPAYERS BEGIN RUSH

INTEREST AND PENALTIES BECOME EFFECTIVE AFTER JAN. 31

A rush of taxpayers in the offices of city and county collectors is increasing with the approach of the Jan. 31, deadline for payment of 1936 taxes without interest or penalty. Jan. 31 is also the deadline for 1937 tax payments.

Delinquent city taxes will draw 10 per cent interest after Jan. 31. The interest on delinquent county and state taxes will be one per cent if paid in February, two in March, three in April, four in May and five in June. After June 31, delinquent taxes will draw eight per cent penalty, six per cent interest and costs. Persons who took advantage of the split-payment plan will have until June 31 to pay the second half of their 1936 taxes without interest or penalty. Dec. 1 was the deadline for first half payments.

### EVANSVILLE, IND., CLEARS WAY AS FLOOD INCREASES

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 26. (P)—The rampaging Ohio River drove relentlessly higher and higher Tuesday over Southern Indiana's 250-mile flood-torn waterfront.

From Lawrenceburg in the southeast to Mt. Vernon in the southwest, the record-shattering high waters forced flood-weary refugees to flee northward in the State's greatest migration.

No one could estimate the damage, but relief authorities conceded "it would run into millions." At least six persons had died from exposure, and there were several unverified reports of drownings. More than 70,000 were homeless, and hundreds more left the stricken areas hourly.

Focal point in the turbulent scene Tuesday was this city of 102,000 more than one-third of the near-river sections was under water as increasing numbers Tuesday.

The Red Cross said 1,150 persons fled to the State Capitol at Charlestown on three special trains.

The specials were the last trains to leave the city. Suspending service the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad said all its tracks were under water.

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### SAN ANGELO INCREASES RED CROSS CONTRIBUTION

San Angelo, Jan. 26. (P)—This city, caught twice in ten days during September, 1936, by record-breaking floods of the North, Middle and South Concho Rivers which caused \$5,000,000 damage as they swept through the heart of the city and on down the Colorado, Tuesday was nearing 200 per cent of its original Red Cross flood relief quota for the stricken Middle West.

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Record classified ads get results.

## VERNON NOW SHOWING

MURDER MYSTERY ON A LUXURY LINER... SOLVED BY A MOVIE DETECTIVE!



—Also—  
Sportsight  
Local News

## PICTORIUM ADMISSION 50¢

Wednesday — Thursday

UNSONG HEROES OF THE SEA BRAVING DANGER AND DEATH FOR DUTY AND LOVE!



—Also—  
Sportsight  
Local News

## WED.—THURS. Big Stage Show

### Nazi Engineer Linked in Plot At Russian Mine

#### PRODUCTION OF CRUDE IN COUNTRY AT NEW PEAK DURING WEEK

Moscow, Jan. 26. (P)—Alexander Stein, German mining engineer, testified Tuesday at the trial of 17 confessed Trotzkist plotters he engaged in Siberian sabotage to help German named Flesser who told him in the Soviet Union.

The 55-year-old engineer, first seen witness in the trial, declared through an interpreter he received his instructions through another German named Flesser who told him:

"Germany had to recover her former power so Germans in the Soviet Union had to engage in wreckage so as to increase German strength and give her a free hand." Flesser relayed the wreckage orders, Stein testified, after receiving them from "a person in an official position in the U. S. S. R. who would help us in case of failure."

Stein said his wrecking activities were centered in the coal mines near Anjer but "later I was reprimanded for insufficient wrecking."

The prosecutor and the presiding judge clashed heatedly over mention of a "certain foreign official" in the trial of 17 confessed plotters for the overthrow of the Russian Communist Government.

"I absolutely object to restraining the evidence of a defendant," Prosecutor Andrei Vishinsky shouted and then argued bitterly for five minutes with Vassily Ulrich, presiding judge of the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court.

Ulrich allowed the testimony to continue under stern warning that neither the name of the official nor his nation be divulged.

### FLOOD REFUGEES LEAVE TOWNS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 26. (P)—Huntington to "prepare for the worst," residents of the Upper Ohio Valley sped from their homes in ever-increasing numbers Tuesday.

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### INVESTIGATION OPENS IN FLORIDA BUS ACCIDENT

Miami, Fla., Jan. 26. (P)—A three-way investigation was pushed Tuesday into the disaster that brought death by drowning to 17 passengers of a bus crossing the everglades.

Expert mechanics, sent independently by civil authorities, State Railroad Commission and the bus operator, Tamiami Trail Tours, Inc., examined the big, mud-caked vehicle that rolled into a roadside canal 35 miles west of Miami.

The bus carried 50 passengers, its driver and a Negro porter, bound for Florida's West Coast.

Investigators agreed, after preliminary investigation, that some mechanical failure caused the accident. The company blamed either a tire blow-out or a snapped front spring shackle.

A Very Close Shave.

New York, Jan. 26. (P)—J. Joseph Gabriel, barber, arrested for giving a shave in his shop on Sunday, told Magistrate Wickbold his customer was going to get married and he was too nervous to shave himself.

The judge studied an ordinance stating Sunday lather is a misdemeanor unless the work is a necessity and ruled: "If getting a shave before you get married isn't necessary, I don't know what is. Sentence suspended."

Got His Number.

Dallas, Jan. 26. (P)—Dr. J. U. Farberger, professor of psychology at Southern Methodist University, can remember his 1937 auto license number, he won't need to worry about amnesia. He asked and was promised license 253,926. His telephone number is 5-9226; his street address, 2926; his safety deposit box 226; the number of years he has taught 26, and the age of his child is 6.

NEW ROAD GRADER IS PURCHASED BY COUNTY

The Commissioners Court of Waller County authorized the purchase Monday afternoon of a road grader with a 12-foot blade from the R. B. George Machinery Company of Dallas. The purchase of a new tractor was also scheduled Monday, but was postponed until March 1. The new equipment is to be used in road work in Precinct 3.

Fourteen rescued as house falls in flood

Ripley, Tenn., Jan. 26. (P)—J. W. Hedgepeth, Ripley newspaper editor, said Tuesday 14 persons officially reported drowned Monday night when their house collapsed into the Mississippi flood waters, had been rescued 12 miles west of the town.

Hedgepeth said the group escaped a few minutes before the house gave way.

Refugees poured in hourly, mostly from Tennessee. More than dozen babies were born to refugee mothers.

Red Cross officials and a Missouri State Highway Department engineer said at least 500 were caught when the Mississippi tumbled through crumpling levees to course across the 221,000-acre Birds Point-New Madrid, Mo., floodway, near the Mississippi-Oklahoma confluence below here.

Red Cross officials, directing relief boats from New Madrid, Mo., said the refugees did not appear in immediate peril.

The Red Cross investigated and said the report was unfounded that 14 lives were lost on Black Is. d. south of Caruthersville. Seventy-five families were removed from the island.

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## TROOPS MOVE ON LOUISVILLE

### MILITIA ORDERED TO AID IN EVACUATION OF FLOOD REFUGEES

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 26. (AP)—United States Army troops moved Tuesday on flood devastated Louisville to clamp down the military rule declared by Gov. A. B. Chandler at the request of Mayor Neville Miller's emergency relief committee.

The first task confronting regular army engineers upon their arrival from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, was construction of pontoon bridges on flooded thoroughfares to complete the evacuation of more than two-thirds of this city's 330,000 citizens.

Nearly 20,000 refugees from the low lying western and central residential districts remained to be moved to the highlands and suburbs to the east, where citizens threw open their homes and established relief centers in public buildings.

A battalion of 850 men was ordered here from Fort Benjamin Harrison and 250 men from Fort Thomas, Ky., after Governor Chandler informed the Federal Government state and local authorities could not combat pestilence, panic and hunger in the wake of Louisville's most disastrous flood.

Pointing out the Kentucky Constitution did not authorize martial law, Chandler explained he was declaring it anyway because of the flood crisis. Martial law applied only to Louisville. Two thousand Kentucky National Guardsmen, however, were on flood duty in the State.

Louisville managed somehow again to do without electricity. Hospitals and relief centers as well as private homes burned candles or oil lamps.

All food was removed from stores and warehouses in flooded areas and in threatened zones and concentrated at a car barn in the highlands. Mayor Miller said there was no present danger of a food shortage if stocks were kept accessible.

Water service was still limited. Oil coated water increased fire hazards and utmost caution was urged.

With at least 37 deaths in Kentucky attributed to the flood, officials feared receding waters would disclose more fatalities. Mayor Miller said it was impossible to estimate property damage and the loss to industry.

### FIRE THREAT APPEARS AS LOUISVILLE FIGHTS FLOOD

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 26. (AP)—The danger of fire joined the threat of pestilence and shortage of water to plague flood-stricken Louisiana Tuesday.

While the city waited for United States regulars to arrive and assume the task of bringing order out of chaotic chaos, a blaze Tuesday evening burned the big plant of the Louisville Varnish Company.

Two Negro men, badly burned, were brought by rescue boats to a relief station from the varnish plant and the boatman reported two Negroes had drowned in trying to escape the fire that followed a dozen explosions. The damage was estimated by city authorities at several hundred thousand dollars.

It was feared for a time that flaming oil would spread the fire through the flooded district. But after blazing spectacularly, the fire died down.

Volunteer relief workers and representatives of all other agencies engaged in rescue work welcomed coming of the Federal troops to enforce military rule at the request of state and civil authorities.

### NAZI ACTIVITY IN U. S. SCORED ON HOUSE FLOOR

Washington, Jan. 26. (AP)—Chairman Dickstein, Democrat, New York, of the immigration committee said on the House floor Tuesday that agents of the German government were drilling 20,000 men in German uniform in the United States.

He said, too, the Nazi government was distributing draft forms to German-Americans and had sent out 250,000 application blanks to Americans of German birth seeking pledges of loyalty to Germany in case of war.

Men are being drilled chiefly in Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan, Dickstein asserted, adding he had documentary evidence to support his statements.

As he spoke he held up pamphlets and photographs and a copy of the draft form.

Naturalized Germans in the United States, he said, "are being hounded by German spies and consuls and representatives."

### HOUSE TO REMAIN IN SESSION ON RELIEF BILL

Washington, Jan. 26. (AP)—Speaker Bankhead told reporters he would hold the House in session Tuesday until it had passed a \$700,000,000 relief-deficiency appropriation bill on which the Administration is counting for flood-relief funds.

He said an agreement to limit debate would be sought and that "every effort" would be made to obtain passage before nightfall.

"The Administration is anxious to get the bill through," he said.

Pending its passage, President Roosevelt allotted \$300,000 of emergency conservation funds to the relief of refugees.

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### Pastor and Wife Entertain Monday With Open House

#### CANNED AND DRIED FRUIT, VEGETABLES SUPPLEMENT MENU

Denton, Jan. 26.—Planning the diet for the Winter months involves not only the cost of the necessary foodstuffs to make up a balanced menu, but also the problem of obtaining necessary foods which are out of season, and therefore, expensive in Winter, according to dentists. Canned vegetables and fruits may be used in Winter months to replace those which cannot be bought fresh, and these provide variety and lend themselves to the attractiveness of the menu.

Whole cereals, macaroni and rice dishes are nutritious Winter foods. Dried fruits and vegetables also lend themselves to keeping down the cost of Winter meals.

#### Whole Wheat Rolls.

Scald 1-2 cup milk in a double boiler. Add 1-2 teaspoon salt. Cool; when lukewarm, add 1-2 yeast cake dissolved in 2 tablespoons lukewarm water. Add 3-4 cup white flour. Cover; let rise. Then add 2 tablespoons melted shortening, 1 egg well beaten, 2 tablespoons molasses and 1-4 cups whole wheat flour. Mix thoroughly; let rise again; roll and cut with round butter. Put rolls together in a greased pan; let rise again and bake in a hot oven for 12-15 minutes.

#### Meat Balls.

Mix 1-2 pound ground beef, 1 1-2 cups bread crumbs, 1 egg thoroughly. Add seasonings. Make into balls and drop into a quart of boiling water. Pour in a can of tomatoes, Brown 1-4 of a finely chopped onion in small amount of fat. Pour over the meat balls. Add juice of a lemon and 1 teaspoon sugar. Cook slowly until the meat is done. Add W. M. S. including Mesdames Homer Powers, W. P. Thomas, A. R. Knight, W. H. Grammer, John Brown, Walter Hoffmann, Everett Westbrook, and Miss Mariana Covert.

Mrs. A. E. Harroun and Jack Tucker were presented by Mrs. Hendrix in a vocal duet during the musical program for the evening hour. They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Cockerell, who later accompanied Mr. Tucker in several vocal solos. Mrs. W. H. Ballew also sang during the evening, accompanied by Mrs. W. P. Thomas.

#### Pink and Green Used.

In the afternoon Mrs. L. G. Hawkins and Mrs. W. H. Huggins poured tea and were assisted in serving by Mrs. C. Y. Smith and Mrs. W. R. Murell. Mesdames U. S. Davis and J. L. Swartwood presided at the table during the evening. Those who served were Mesdames Margaret Webb, Mary Frances Johnson, Peggy Farrell, and Dorothy Tittle.

A pink and green color scheme was carried out in the dining room. The service table was covered with lace over pink satin, and centered with pink sweet peas. Silver coffee and tea services were used. The refreshment plate consisted of sandwiches, wafers, coffee or tea, and mints in pink and green. Other floral decorations in the dining room were baskets of cut flowers repeating the pink and green colors. In the living room a red color scheme was chosen. Cut flowers, foliage, and red geraniums were used extensively in this room.

### Eastern Star Dinner Here Attended by 40

Approximately 40 persons were present at a dinner for members of the Order of Eastern Star and their families Monday evening at the Masonic Temple. The dinner was served buffet style.

Mrs. A. T. Underwood gave a brief talk of appreciation for the week of J. C. Kendall, who has served the lodge as worthy patron for the past two years. Following Mrs. Underwood's talk Mr. and Mrs. Kendall, who were recently married, were presented a basket of gifts on behalf of the lodge by Jamie Marie Jenkins and Betty Long. Mr. Kendall responded with a short speech.

Those present included three visitors, Dorothy Jean Self, Edna James Holladay, and Lena Lee Wilson, and Mesdames H. L. Pearson, Jack Rudy, W. A. Welch, M. V. McNairy, Dewey Cook, Roy Stoenesifer, and the hostess, Mrs. Smith.

#### Ella Jones Circle.

Mrs. Guy Self led the opening singing, which was followed by a pencil game. Two accordion solos by Dorothy Jean Self and Edna James Holliday, a home talent contest, and a reading entitled "A Lesson for Mother" were other program features. The reading was given by Lena Lee Wilson. The program closed with an impressive talk on "Famous Mountain Peaks of the Bible" by Mrs. Harry Mason.

Refreshments for the afternoon consisted of sandwiches, angel food cake, and coffee. Plate favors were hand-painted book marks bearing verses of scripture which were made by the class president, Mrs. James Shepherd.

During the evening the charter was draped in memory of Mrs. Laura B. Hart, San Antonio past most grand worthy matron, who had organized chapters in this country and abroad. In this ceremony Mrs. Mrs. T. J. McGill as chaplain, with Miss Edna Smith at the piano.

### Couple Honored Monday On Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McHugh were honored on their seventeenth wedding anniversary Monday evening by members of the Lone Star Bridge Club of Rock Crossing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hutmacher. The couple was presented with a handsome gift following the bridge games.

Prize for high score went to Mrs. H. D. Hutmacher and M. D. McHugh and low to Mrs. W. F. Edson, and Mr. Edson. Spiced punch, sandwiches, salad, potato chips, and cookies were served to Messrs. and Mesdames W. F. Edson, M. D. McHugh, Edgar Baker, W. F. Garrison, R. W. Welch, W. T. Drennan, and the hostess, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hutmacher.

#### MISS MARY NICHOLS WILL RECEIVE DEGREE FEB. 2

Denton, Jan. 26.—Miss Mary Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nichols of Vernon, is a candidate for the bachelor of science degree in vocational home economics from Texas State College for Women, (CIA), at the mid-Winter commencement exercises to be held Tuesday, Feb. 2. Thirty-six girls are scheduled to receive degrees at that time.

#### Auxiliary To Meet.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet for the first time since the holidays Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Legion Hall. "Legislation" will be the theme of the program with Mrs. J. O. Burk, President, directing.

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Record classified ads get results.

### Varied Business Is Dispatched By Baptist Circles

#### FOUR AUXILIARY CIRCLES RESUME STUDY IN GENESIS

Continuing their study of Genesis, circles of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Federated Presbyterian Church met Monday afternoon. Circles 2 and 4 met jointly, and Circle 4 had a covered dish luncheon at the home of the circle leader.

#### Circle 1.

Members of Circle 1 met in the home of Mrs. H. G. Leonard for Bible study from Genesis conducted by Mrs. M. C. Culbertson. Refreshments were served to Mesdames M. C. Culbertson, E. P. Hicks, J. B. Copeland, Joe Ince, L. J. Golden, M. L. Sharp, M. R. Sewell, J. A. Baird, and H. G. Leonard.

#### Circle 2 and 3.

Appointment of committee chairman to assisting and arranging personal service goals confronted the six circles of the First Baptist Women's Missionary Society Monday afternoon.

#### Zimma Hare Circle.

Appointment of committee chairman by the leader, Miss Grace Freeman, was the principal order of business for the Zimma Hare Circle, which met in the home of Mrs. W. A. Lyon.

#### Circle 4.

A covered-dish luncheon was given at the home of Mrs. F. B. Elliott, Hill Crest Drive, Monday at 12 noon. Special guests for the occasion were the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. N. Cunningham.

#### Blanche Groves Circle.

Appointment of committee chairman by the leader, Miss Grace Freeman, was the principal order of business for the Blanche Groves Circle in the home of Mrs. Earl Maddin.

#### Mother Singers Practice For Initial Appearance

In a vote it was found that this circle prefers to meet at the church for mission study on fourth Mondays. Mrs. Wren then gave an article from Home & Foreign Fields on "The Margaret Farm as a Memorial." Refreshments were then served to Mesdames Odie Riddle, Earle Norwood, W. W. Anderson, J. E. Wren, Ella Nowlin, J. V. Owen, L. D. Campbell, George Veto, L. B. Howard, and the hostess, Mrs. Lyon.

#### Bernice Neal Circle.

Mrs. T. L. Howard conducted the devotional from Psalm 89 at a meeting of the Bernice Neal Circle in the home of Mrs. Earl Maddin. During the business session Mrs. J. E. Wren appointed a committee to act as hostess to the Girls Auxiliary Tuesday afternoon.

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#### Practice for the numbers to be given at this time will begin next Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the educational building of the church under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Ballew.

Mothers and others who are interested regardless of whether or not they are trained singers are requested to be present at that time.

Those present Tuesday morning were Mesdames L. B. Howard, Y. H. Babasin, Elbert May, Fred Holley, O. R. Key, Everett Westbrook, John Naylor, A. L. White, Tally Gardner, R. M. Hampton, D. E. Yeary, and L. L. Irons.

#### ALTRUISTA CLUB'S FEBRUARY PROGRAM CONCERNS STYLES

The February program of the Altruisa Club which concerns styles in dress, will be given under the direction of Mrs. Emory Rhoads, Mrs. Barker, Carl Smith on Bowie Street. The devotional following a new year theme entitled "Beginning Again" was given by Mrs. Dewey Cook. Mrs. A. B. Stoner was leader of a short business session.

Mrs. Guy Self conducted a short business session at which plans were made to visit and enlist new members during the next three months. Refreshments were served by the hostess to Mesdames J. D. Graham, R. F. Stephenson, L. V. Hipp, Harry Fletcher, S. E. Smith, Clayton Messick, Frank Fletcher, and son, Don.

#### Maudie Fielder Circle.

Mrs. T. J. Bridges was hostess to the Maudie Fielder Circle met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Carl Smith on Bowie Street. The devotional following a new year theme entitled "Beginning Again" was given by Mrs. Dewey Cook. Mrs. E. W. Murell was leader of a short business session.

"Things We Should Know" was taught by Mrs. Roy Stoenesifer, and the service was ended with sentence prayers. Refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. Elby Eason, and the following members: Mesdames A. B. Stoenesifer, Fannie Bond, W. C. Hawkins, W. N. Martin, Oscar White, L. N. Anderson, Dewey Cook, Roy Stoenesifer, and the hostess, Mrs. Smith.

#### Ella Jones Circle.

Mrs. Henry Conner was hostess to the Ella Jones Circle at her home, 2225 Cumberland Street. After a prayer by Mrs. R. F. Lee, three hymns, and a second prayer by Mrs. S. C. Johnson, Mrs. Curtis Nichols conducted the devotional reading I Corinthians 12. This was followed by a round table discussion on the scripture lesson.

"Things We Should Know" was taught by Mrs. H. H. Hargrove, and Mrs. H. G. Cox, leader, announced that the circle will hold a service at the jail next week. Mrs. Curtis Nichols will be hostess at the group's next meeting.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Curtis Nichols, H. G. Cox, S. C. Johnson, R. F. Lee, J. O. Rouse, H. H. Hargrove, Morris Howard, Roscoe Rainwater, and Mrs. Nichols.

#### Novel For Next Review Concerns "Old South"

Andrew Lytle, author of "The Long Night," has drawn deep on family history, tradition, humor, and the drama of private life in the Old South to enrich the novel which Miss Mary Fenton will review Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the County Court room. This is a presentation of the Delphian Club book review committee.

Mr. Lytle was born in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and made a study of frontier and war days in Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama as a hobby of his boyhood. He is the author of a notable biography entitled "Bedford Forrest and His Critter Company."

"The Long Night" is the story of a man who has devoted his entire life to vengeance. Not only in its background does this novel have its basis in fact, but there is said to have lived a man in this particular neighborhood whose relentless devotion to vengeance lasted a lifetime. A critic has said of the novel: "This sensation of suspense, terror, inevitability, reshaping and turning the mind and the spirit show the change which came over him. These belong not to the thin reality of fact, but to the embodied and meaningful reality of the imagination."

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# Lions Drop Conference Contest to Coyote Quintet

## VERNON FIVE TAKES CELLAR

CHILDRESS BOBCATS PLAY LIONS ON VERNON COURT TONIGHT

The Vernon Lions went into a cellar in the second half of their Northwest Conference basketball game with the Wichita Falls Coyotes here Monday night and emerged at the final whistle on the short end of a 14 to 18 score.

It was the second loss in as many conference games for the Lions and gave them the sole occupancy of the cellar. The Coyotes climbed from fifth to fourth place in the conference standings as a result of their victory. They have lost two games and won one in Big Five competition.

The first half of Monday night's game was hotly contested with the Coyotes having a slight advantage. The score at the end of the first quarter was 9 to 7 in favor of the Wichita Falls eagles. They retained their two-point margin as the half closed with the score 15 to 13.

In the third quarter the Lions amassed the "amazing" total of two points, "Jiggs" Childress accounting for both with a field goal near the end of the period. The Coyotes led 25 to 15 at the end of the period.

In the final quarter the Lions continued their dismal exhibition of erratic passing and wild shooting. They improved over their third period's performance however by one point. The Coyotes coasted through the fourth quarter, netted three field goals, and walked off the court with their first conference victory.

Monaghan of Wichita Falls was high scorer with 12 points and Reeves followed with 11. Belew was high for Vernon with eight points.

Vernon meets Childress here Tuesday night in a conference game which promises to be one of the best of the season. Despite their ragged play Monday night the Lions are a hustling and determined group of basketball players and capable on occasion of walloping any team in the conference.

The box score:

Team	G	W	L	Pct.
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Childress	2	1	1	.500
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### NEW TALES OF FIELD ARE TOLD BY TEXAS NIMRODS

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### QUANAH MEETS CROWELL AS LIONS PLAY BOBCATS

#### Fast-Stepping Twins



Northwest Texas conference basketball rivalries will be renewed Tuesday night when the Childress Bobcats invade Vernon and the Quanah Indians are hosts to the Crowell Wildcats.

Crowell, odds-on favorite to take the title this year, will be favored to win over the Indians. The Wildcats have defeated Childress, Wichita Falls and Vernon in their three conference tilts this season.

Paradoxically, their strongest opposition was encountered in the Lions of Vernon, present cellar occupants.

The Indians, who are in a tie for second place with Childress, have a percentage of .500 in conference contests. They defeated Wichita Falls 27 to 21 and lost to Childress, 26 to 19.

The Bobcats come to Vernon with the loss to Crowell and the victory over Quanah on their conference record.

If the favored Wildcats defeat Quanah and the Lions take Childress it will place Crowell far in the lead and leave Vernon, Quanah, Wichita Falls and Childress in a second place tie with one win and two losses each.

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### TANDY BELEW HEADS LIONS

#### VETERAN GUARD ELECTED CAPTAIN BY LETTERMEN OF FOOTBALL SQUAD

Tandy Belew, Jr., 17, squad member of the Vernon High School Lions football team for two seasons and letterman at guard last year, was elected captain of the team for 1937 at a meeting of lettermen Tuesday.

Belew was on the squad in 1935 but was forced out during the season by an attack of appendicitis.

He was given recognition for his performance at guard last year in his selection on the second all-district team by sports writers of the district.

Belew is a junior in the high school. He resides in the Beulard community.

#### JAKE RUPPERT FIXES HIGH GOAL FOR McCARTHY

New York, Jan. 26. (P)—All-Marine Joe McCarthy has to do to earn his \$25,000 as manager of the New York Yankees next season is win the American League pennant by 20 games and take the World Series in four straight.

That's what Col. Jake Ruppert festively told him before Joe left Monday for Philadelphia on his last tour of the banquet circuit.

Last year at Joe's annual beefsteak dinner to the New York baseball writers, the ruddy Colonel expressed displeasure at the Yankees' habit of finishing second.

Monday night Ruppert lauded Joe, then added:

"But he fell down on two things. I asked him to win the pennant by 20 games and the series in four four straight. He didn't do this but I've forgotten him. And anyway, maybe he'll do it this year."

### TEXAS TECH ANNOUNCES 1937 FOOTBALL GAMES

Lubbock, Jan. 26. (P)—Texas Tech's ambitious Red Raiders will meet teams of nine States on the gridiron next Fall. Seven of the foes were set on the Raiders' 1936 card.

The schedule:

Sept. 18, Arizona State of Flagstaff at Lubbock; Sept. 25, University of Texas at Austin; Oct. 2, University of Oklahoma at Stillwater, Okla.; Nov. 5, Loyola of the South at Lubbock; Nov. 11, Duquesne at Lubbock; Nov. 20, Centenary at Shreveport; Nov. 25, Creighton University at Lubbock; Oct. 23, University of New Mexico at Lubbock; Oct. 30, Oklahoma A & M at Stillwater; Nov. 5, Loyola of the South at Lubbock; Nov. 11, Duquesne at Lubbock; Nov. 20, Centenary at Shreveport; Nov. 25, Creighton University at Lubbock.

TRACK STARS IN BOSTON FOR MEMORIAL CONTESTS

New York, Jan. 26. (P)—Their preliminary chores on the flat army floors completed, track stars turn to banked tracks and move on to Boston for the opening of the "big time" campaign in the Prout Memorial Games at the Boston Garden Saturday.

Virtually every "name" runner who competes regularly in the indoor meets is on the Boston program.

Glen Cunningham, Joe McCluskey and Marty Glickman, a trio of Olympians, wound up their preparatory jaunts last Saturday in the Ossie Club games.

This week, Cunningham hooks up with the other four of the "Big Five" in the mile, competing against Gene Venekleas, Archie San Romant, Don Lash and Charles Fenske.

Ring Turney Opens.

Wichita Falls, Jan. 26. (P)—Entries in the Golden Gloves district boxing tournament here squared off Monday for bouts which will send the winners to the State Tournament at Fort Worth Feb. 3-5.

Gold Act Signed.

Washington, Jan. 26. (P)—President Roosevelt signed the bill Monday to extend until June 30, 1939, his authority to reduce the gold content of the dollar and to protect it in international exchange through the existing \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund.

Fledglings Leave Cards.

St. Louis, Jan. 26. (P)—The St.

### COOPER RANKS HIGH ON TOUR

#### CHICAGO GOLF PRO HOLDS LEAD FOR FIRST MONEY IN CALIFORNIA EVENT

San Francisco, Jan. 26. (P)—Golf professionals moved into San Francisco Tuesday with three shotmakers in position to win an added \$1,000 prize for the California Winter open championship.

The extra award winner will be determined at the conclusion Friday of the 36-hole qualifying round in the \$5,000 national match play open here. Low aggregate medal score in the four principal California money tournaments will decide the issue.

Harry Cooper, Chicago, who is leading money winner in the current California campaign, is leading the pros at present by a five-stroke margin. "Lighthorse Harry" has played 216 holes of tournament golf at Los Angeles, Oakland and Sacramento in 834 strokes—under par.

Ed Dudley, the giant from Philadelphia, moved into second place over Sunday by his smashing 15-under-par performance in the 72-hole Sacramento open. His total is 819. Ralph Guldahl, Cooper's fellow-townsman, is an outside possibility with 842, eight strokes behind the leaders.

#### FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK SALES TO BEGIN MARCH 16

Fort Worth, Jan. 26. (P)—Dates of five livestock auction sales which will be held in the new sales pavilion during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show which will open Friday night, March 12, have just been announced by Manager John B. Davis. Livestock that will be entered in the show will be housed in the mammoth \$200,000 livestock building which recently was completed with the exception of the sheep that will be in the new fireproof building.

Carloads of feeder cattle will go to the auction block at 2 p. m. Tuesday, March 16. Herefords will be sold at 1 p. m. Wednesday, March 17. At 9 a. m. Thursday, March 18, the following sales will begin: grand champion steer, boys' champion baby beef, grand champion wether, boys' champion lamb, carloads of lambs, grand champion barrow, boys' champion pig, champion carloads of harrisons, individual and carloads of fat steers and individual and carloads of baby beesves. Pollard Herefords will be sold Thursday, March 18 at 2 p. m. and at 1 p. m. Friday, March 19 Jersey cattle will be auctioned.

**SPORT SPARKS**

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First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate . . . . .	14,101,496.54
†Home Office Building . . . . .	1,500,000.00
†Other Real Estate . . . . .	1,595,027.35
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds . . . . .	2,411,182.84
Stock . . . . .	200,040.00
Cash . . . . .	894,277.84
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance . . . . .	163,841.00
Interest on Investments Accrued but not yet due . . . . .	681,819.58
Unpaid Mortgage Interest . . . . .	274,085.93
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies . . . . .	11,905,228.98
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Total Assets . . . . .	\$50,113,322.94
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Policy Reserves . . . . .	\$41,846,463.64
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance . . . . .	802,264.97
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities . . . . .	297,578.00
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Total Liabilities . . . . .	42,946,306.61
‡Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyholders:	
Capital Stock . . . . .	\$2,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds . . . . .	5,167,016.33
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To Balance Assets . . . . .	\$50,113,322.94

\*No bond purchased by the Company has ever defaulted as to principal or interest. Since purchase the bonds have so increased in value that current market value of these bonds exceeds by \$1,638,612 the value used above.

†The Company carries no real estate in excess of current market value. The write-down in real estate values was \$101,467 during 1936.

‡With no asset valued above current market value, and after setting up all possible liabilities, these additional funds held for the further protection of policyholders are sufficient to guarantee payment of policy obligations under abnormal as well as normal conditions.

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## CORONATION ENVOYS SELECTED.

### President Selects Three Elderly Leaders of War Period To Attend George's Debut.

President Roosevelt has named his personal representatives to the coronation of King George VI which takes place in May. Three elderly men who were leaders in the World War have been chosen. James W. Gerard, ambassador to Germany before the War; General John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces; and Admiral Hugh Rodman are the ones selected.

Whether there is any significance to these selections is a very interesting matter. President Roosevelt has shown no inclination during his term of office to consult in any great measure the so-called elder statesmen. His confidants have been young college professors or others unknown to public life before he came into office.

Mr. Gerard, General Pershing and Admiral Rodman served the country with rare ability in the trying days of the World War. They are entitled to any recognition which may be extended to them by a grateful nation, but it seems odd that an Administration which has specialized in reliance upon youthful leadership should select three elderly retired leaders for this mission.

It could not be accidental. There was some motive. It may have been an unconscious impulse. People often do a thing which they cannot explain on any basis other than that it merely occurred to them. It is probably this way with the President's striking action in this relatively unimportant matter within itself, although it may be important as an indication of an attitude on the part of the President.

Were these men selected merely as a gesture of personal friendship? Were they selected because the appointment is purely complimentary and because nothing more important is to be done than be present? Was this a gesture to indicate the President thinks elderly men are fit only for such duties? These and other questions will occur to those who try to analyze the appointments.

## WHY NOT PREVENT FLOOD LOSSES?

### Damage in Ohio River Basin Calls for Immediate Steps To Prevent Future Floods.

The terrible losses inflicted by the floods in valleys of the Ohio and other rivers in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky suggest the imperative necessity of taking steps to prevent such disasters. It is no small problem, of course, because means of controlling an ocean of water turned loose in the interior will not be easily devised.

But there is little doubt that the problem can be solved. Construction of a system of reservoirs on tributary streams and so-called floodways, such as have been arranged on the lower Mississippi and other streams, would doubtless confine the losses in any possible flood to a relatively low amount.

In the past there has always been the item of cost. People are inclined to say that such things don't happen very often and it is just as well to go ahead with no special precautions. Some think of floods in the same category as tornadoes, merely a visitation of nature's wrath that cannot be avoided.

But for less than the cost of the present disaster it is almost certain the Ohio River valley could be made immune from such destruction as has been visited upon that section of the country in the past few days. We spend hundreds of millions of dollars on unnecessary public buildings and other hundreds of millions in other work of little permanent value. Why shouldn't the Government undertake a real program of flood control?

## DICTATORS HAVE CAUSE TO WORRY.

### Returning Prosperity Greater Menace to Absolutism Than Any Political Remedies.

It appears that absolutist rulers of Europe are facing a real test. They may not realize it themselves, but the statement of Fascist leaders that Europe must choose between Fascism and Communism may open the way for a shocking surprise to leaders of both "isms."

The Communism or Fascism argument had more force a few years ago than it has today. The moment of real danger necessitating an immediate choice passed when the democratic nations began to emerge from the grip of depression. Hope has been reborn in these democratic countries. The time for choice of one extreme or another has passed.

The choice which Hermann Goering, Hitler's aide, forecast in Rome the other day may be approaching, but the result may be an unpleasant surprise for his chief and Italy's Il Duce as well as other dictators.

Both Communism and Fascism are philosophies of despair. Only a desperate people turn to them. The choice of extremes reflected the loss of hope and inability to find a way out of pressing difficulties.

With the shadows of fear beginning to lift, people may look ahead and find the road is open in more than two directions.

A neighbor reports a stay-in striker in his home. The youngster refuses to take his Christmas drum outside.

Judging from the consensus of movie critics, Mr. Deeds went to town.

A Japanese doctor ate 8,280 pounds of spinach in the last six years, which is what you would call real grazing.

## WOMAN HELD IN EXTORTION

### TWO MEN LINKED IN PLOT TO OBTAIN MONEY FROM CLARK GABLE

Los Angeles, Jan. 26. (AP)—Mrs. Violet Wells Norton, 47-year-old Canadian, was under arrest here Tuesday, charged with mail fraud in an asserted attempt to obtain money from Clark Gable, film actor, by declaring he is the father of her 13-year-old daughter.

Complaints against Mrs. Norton, Jack L. Smith, a private detective of this city, and Frank James Keenan, Winnipeg rooming house keeper, were issued Monday by United States Attorney Peirson Hall. These charge the two men entered into a scheme with Mrs. Norton to induce Gable to pay for the support of the girl.

Federal officials said Mrs. Norton declared she engaged man named Frank Billings as a tutor for her son in Long Shorewood, Billericky, England, in 1922, and that he became the father of her daughter, Gwenlyn Edith.

Later, she asserted, Billings left for America and she subsequently married and moved to Winnipeg. She said five years ago she saw Gable on the screen and recognized him as Billings.

"I have never been in England and do not know the woman in question," Gable said, "and have no knowledge whatever of the circumstances involved."

The officers said Mrs. Norton wrote the actor a letter last March 12, making her demands upon him. Afterward, they said, she appealed to Mae West, screen actress, and a radio commentator in an effort to get in touch with him, and later wrote to District Attorney Hall. Recently she came to Hollywood with her daughter.

Money for their transportation was delayed by the officers to have been supplied by Keenan, Smith, the private detective, is declared to have visited studio officials in Mrs. Norton's behalf after her arrival here.

### FAMOUS BRONCS SIGNED FOR FORT WORTH RODEO

Fort Worth, Jan. 26.—Contract has just been signed by the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show for 125 outlaw broncs that will be used in saddle bronc riding and bareback riding contests during the World Championship Rodeo, March 12 to 21. They again will be supplied by Verne Elliott of Johnston, Colo., and Eddie McCarty of Chugwater, Wyo.

Included in the string of buckers will be several horses that have been "discovered" in the last year and which promise to be real topnotchers in bucking. Among these are "Eagle's Nest," "Ninety-eight Bar," and "Twenty Below."

Heading the list of horses that have been seen in the Expositions Coliseum arena for several years is the famous "Five Minutes to Midnight." Reports from other big rodeos where "Five Minutes to Midnight" has appeared during the last year state that he is still among the demon bucking horses and that he has thrown some of the best riders in the Rodeo game.

The first Rodeo performance will be given Friday night, March 12, inaugurating the forty-first annual Southwestern Exposition.

### OFFICERS INVESTIGATE EX-MOVIE STAR'S DEATH

Hollywood, Jan. 26. (AP)—The coroner held Marie Prevost's body Monday until a completed autopsy shows how the ex-star of movie farce died in her apartment last week.

Dr. Frank Webb, assistant county surgeon, said preliminary examination indicated death was induced by acute alcoholism. He ordered further chemical analysis.

Dressed in silk pajamas, her pet dachshund whining beside her, the 44-year-old actress was found Saturday by a Negro houseboy, lying face down on her bed. Apparently she had been dead two or three days. Several empty whisky bottles lay in the kitchen sink.

Her career, highlighted with glamour and shadowed by obscurity, only a month ago took her before the cameras in an attempted comeback.

**Barrymore Hearing Delayed.**

Los Angeles, Jan. 26. (AP)—A hearing on Elaine Jacob's Barrymore's petition for alimony from John Barrymore, film star, was postponed here until March 1. Neither the actor nor his wife appeared, and lawyers explained Barrymore had been recalled to a studio for film work.

### DEFICIENCY BILL REPORTED TO HOUSE FROM COMMITTEE

Washington, Jan. 26. (AP)—The House appropriations committee reported an \$800,717,318 deficiency bill to the House Monday, the bulk of it to be used to finance "recovery and relief."

At a last-minute session of the committee, called coincidentally with a White House conference between Speaker Bankhead and the President, it was tentatively decided not to open the measure for inclusion of an emergency flood relief appropriation because the exact needs were as yet unknown.

The major item in the bill called for an appropriation of \$790,000,000 for recovery and relief to be spent between now and June 30. That was the amount recommended by the President.

### TEXAS OUT OF PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE SEIZED BOATS

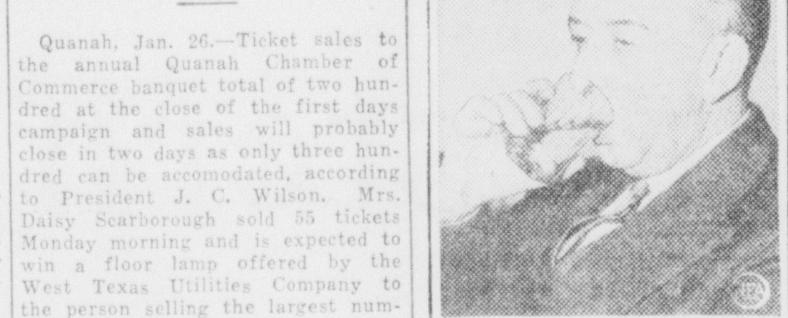
Galveston, Jan. 26. (AP)—Proposed legislation by Congress to give boats seized from rum runners during the prohibition era to the Sea Scouts Department of the Boy Scouts for training, will not benefit Texas ports, Federal officials here say.

Although more than 50 boats of various types were seized along the Texas coast, none are now in the hands of the Government, officials say.

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## Program for C. C. Dinner at Quanah Lists Novelty Act



Quanah, Jan. 26.—Ticket sales to the annual Quanah Chamber of Commerce banquet total of two hundred at the close of the first days campaign and sales will probably close in two days as only three hundred can be accommodated, according to President J. C. Wilson. Mrs. Daisy Scarborough sold 55 tickets Monday morning and is expected to win a floor lamp offered by the West Texas Utilities Company to the person selling the largest number of tickets.

Harry Hines, state road board chairman will speak.

A program of entertainment has been provided that will include numbers on an electric guitar to be played by Ross Doolittle of Hollywood, California. This guitar has six miniature microphones, one under each string, and is connected with a public address system, the instrument having been on the market only six months. Doolittle who was connected with the moving picture industry two years, also will play a ukulele presented to him by Joan Crawford. He is recognized as one of the leading guitar players from the Pacific Coast.

### "ROMEO AND JULIET" MAY SET BOX-OFFICE RECORD

A popular drama for 342 years, "Romeo and Juliet" threatens to rival "The Thin Man" in box office figures, according to advance press notices, describing to advance press notices, according to advance press notices, the famous love story written by William Shakespeare in or about 1595 will be shown at the Vernon Theater Wednesday. Tickets for the 3 and 8:30 p. m. shows are now on sale in the theater's box office.

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One critic has said of the drama's movie version, "Never before has a picture been so carefully made or so inspiring projected." High praise for Leslie Howard as "Romeo" and Norma Shearer as "Juliet" and for other minor characters has been accorded the current movie production of the tragedy.

A silent version of "Romeo and Juliet" was made a number of years ago with the late Theda Bara as Juliet and proved to be a pantomime in burlesque. The new version, however, promises to be "tops" in movie ranks, press notices indicate.

### CHRYSLER COMPANY LINKED IN ESPIONAGE TESTIMONY

Washington, Jan. 26. (AP)—James H. Smith of Cleveland, president of five "efficiency engineering" firms, told Senate investigators here that Chrysler Corporation paid \$72,000 in 1935 for his company's services.

Testifying before a Senate committee studying civil liberties violations, Smith described his business as "harmonizing relations" between workers and employers, keeping everybody satisfied, contented and happy."

Under persistent questioning by Senator Thomas, Democrat, Utah, Smith testified his chief firm—Soroptimist Auxiliary Company—carried on "industrial espionage" work.

Dan G. Ross, general manager of the corporations auxiliary company and a former Pinkerton Detective Agency employee, testified he had been "about 40" operatives in Chrysler Corporation auto factories,

### STRIKE LEADERS PREPARE FOR LABOR CONFERENCE

Ashland, Jan. 26. (AP)—Strikers leaders prepared to meet at the Hotel Ashland here Saturday morning to discuss the strike.

John L. Lewis, chairman of the committee for industrial organization, before meeting Miss Perkins.

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Longview, Texas, Jan. 26. (AP)—Officers filed charges of theft over \$50 in Justice Court Monday against one of two men held in connection with a complaint by a sewing machine salesman that he was swindled out of \$100 by a pair who posed as secret service agents looking for counterfeit bills.

Reports said the theft charge was filed in order that officers could hold the man while a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent completed a case against him for impersonating a Federal officer.

Deputy Sheriff Bean who first took the men into custody said he assumed the men would be taken to Dallas to face the Federal charges.

### FUNERAL FOR FEDERAL JUDGE IN KANSAS SET

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 26. (AP)—Funeral services were conducted here Tuesday for Judge John C. Pollock, 79, of the Kansas Federal District Court, who died early Sunday.

Services were in charge of Rev. Carl W. Nan, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and will be at a funeral chapel. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Still On Wood.

Battle Creek, Neb., Jan. 26. (AP)—Clarence Kruger said he felt something cracking while skiing near here. He examined his skis and found them unbroken. Now he's on crutches instead of skis. A physician found the crack in Kruger's leg bone.

For further information call Bus Station, 656

## Touted for Czar of Liquor Trade



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Baseball and the movies have their czars and the liquor trade will not be outdone. Above—and that glass contains water—is W. Forbes Morgan, treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, who, it is reported, will become supervisor of the liquor trade as head of the Distilled Spirits Institute, Inc.

Objectives of the Federation are to promote understanding and good will among the nations through teachers. Its immediate aim is the personal acquaintance of educational leaders and the rank and file of teachers with the various methods through cooperation and conference.

Record classified ads get results

## GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE COTTON HELD SINCE 1934

Washington, Jan. 26. (AP)—The cotton trade received from the Commodity Credit Corporation Monday bulky inventory on 3,000,000 bales of Government loan cotton to be released between Feb. 1 and April 1.

A spokesman for the Government agency said it expected to take some loss on the cotton held from the 1934 crop as collateral for a Government 12-cent cotton loan. He said insurance, interest and warehouse and freight charges would cause.

Producer-borrowers may obtain their cotton at 25 points below the average price at 10 markets the previous day. However, the Corporation said a minimum price of 12.85 cents a pound for middling 7-8-inch cotton would apply.

# King without a country

by Robert Bruce

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Surrendering his throne for the love of ARDATH RICHMOND, Canadian-born actress, PAUL L. KING of Northumbra, becomes private citizen PAUL FERRONE, and quickly finds that he has made a bad bargain.

He soon tires of the COUNTESS DI MARCO, REGGIE VAN TWYNE, and the gay, vacuous crowd that people the Bay of St. Francis resort center. He travels, buys a sailing ship, travels more, but always restlessness, and the shadow of the lost throne follow him.

Finally he and Ardath quarrel over her friends. Paul takes more and more to his boat. One day he suggested to Ardath that they have a child. She cries, "Paul, are you insane?" After that they cool toward each other increasingly.

Then one night at a villa party Paul overhears Reggie asking Ardath to leave Paul for him. The next morning Paul tells Ardath he is going back to Northumbra, to get a hold on himself; asks her to wait for him.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XII  
All the rest of that day and evening Paul wandered idly about Gaiport, unrecognized and lonely, drifting from one casual group to another, asking questions and directing each conversation to the subject of the king.

When he went to bed, at last in the cabin of his sloop, he had to admit that the thing he had come back to Gaiport to find had eluded him. For he had come back to bask in the radiance of the old days—to snuggle up against the warm love his people had once had for him—and he found that it no longer existed.

The truth of the matter was that they had simply forgotten him. They did not look back at his reign with the fond longing he had imagined; they did not look back at all until someone reminded them of it, as he had been doing; and then their attitude was one of, "Oh yes—King Paul. To be sure; he was king before King Joseph, wasn't he?"

Here and there he found a faint note of hostility; a feeling that King Paul had deserted them, had fled when they needed him. But for the most part that was absent. In the space of a brief year he had become an obscure figure in history; a person one remembered when his name was mentioned, but not one that anybody looked back to with any desire or yearning.

When he got up the next morning he found the little city decked out with flags and bunting in honor of the expected visit of Joseph. Each house, no matter how humble, had found some means of putting on a festive aspect. Stores sold cheap lithographs of the king, and these appeared in almost every window. Small, crudely lettered signs, "God Bless Our King," were strung over gateposts and alleyways. A holiday had been declared, and innumerable children, joyous at their release from school, were already massing in a vast group on the common, tiny flags clutched in unwontedly clenched fists, while anxious teachers scurried about to make sure that their charges would give the monarch a proper welcome.

By 10 o'clock the sidewalks were crowded. Paul found a place by the pedestal of a dust-grimed war memorial, at the entrance to the common. A pang of memory assailed him as he recognized the memorial; he had dedicated it, 15 years ago, as crown prince. He climbed on a granite abutment so that he could look over the throng, and waited.

Far off, at last, he heard the sound of music and cheering. The noise came in intermittent bursts, at first, and then swelled to a steady tide of

masonry.  
"The English had a great poet, William Blake, and he wrote some great lines which I think we can borrow for our own nation. Let me quote them to you:

"And did the Countenance divine Shine forth upon our clouded hills?

And was Jerusalem builded here Among these dark Satanic mills?

Joseph paused; then, gripping the railing in front of him, he leaned forward, his earnest young face shining, and went on with the poem in an impassioned voice that reached every man in the great throng:

"Bring me my Bow of burning gold

Bring me my Arrows of desire!

Bring me my Spear! O clouds, un-

fold!

Bring me my Chariot of fire!

"I will not cease from mental fight,

Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,

Till we have built Jerusalem

In this our green and pleasant land!"

The young king remained leaning forward, his face alight; and suddenly the great crowd responded, and a tremendous shout went up to the sky, as the people caught the vision he had held out to them—the building of a white and shining city amid their coal tipplers and slag heaps, the constructing of a braver and better society, the vanquishing of the ancient enemies of man, the union of all faiths and all men in an unending struggle to build on the imperiled earth the holy city of God.

Paul found that he had left the crowd, somehow, and was walking along toward the wharf where he had moored his sloop. The words of Blake's mighty poem still rang in his ears; before his eyes remained the picture of his brother Joseph, so young and so sincere, standing tense before his subjects and lighting in their hearts the flame that enables men to transcend themselves.

And as he thought of this, there came to Paul, at last, a realization of the full measure of his failure.

This, then, was what a king was

for nowadays: to reach up to those lofty summits where the great spirits dwelt and bring down a vision and a hope for his people. It was not a dull and spiritless task, choked by endless formality and meaningless ritual; it was the highest task a man could be given. It was this that he had turned his back on, this that he had failed to see, this that he had given up in order to chase the will of the wisp freedom across Europe.

He walked dejectedly to the wharf and descended to the cabin of the sloop. Ashore, the ceremonies ended, people streamed back through the streets, city life regained its normal round, the day wore away; and all the while Paul sat alone in the cabin, his chin in his hands, thinking long and melancholy thoughts.

He roused himself, at last, and came on deck. Dusk had come; night was veiling the bleak ugliness of the harbor, and the waterfront was taking on a spangle of lights. Paul stood by the mast, looking dully at the foreshore.

A huge motor car came down the nearest street and swung onto the wharf.

It halted, and a uniformed military aide got out. He looked about for a moment, spied the sloop, and walked briskly over to it. Hailing at the edge of the wharf, he clicked his heels and saluted.

"Sir," he said, "his majesty the king would like to talk with you. Will you come with me, please?"

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## WOOL EXPERT GIVES VIEWS IDAHO STOCKMAN VOICES ALARM AT FURTHER CUT IN WESTERN FLOCKS

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 26. (AP)—R. C. Rich of Burley, Idaho, president of the National Wool Growers' Association, told the organization's convention here Tuesday that charges over-grazing has ruined western grazing land are "largely theoretical and quite extreme."

Addressing the first session of the three-day Seventy-second annual meeting, the Idaho stockman declared:

"Much has been said and written about range conservation, over-grazing, depleted ranges and erosion. Many who have been vocal appear to have but little knowledge of the practical problem. Beyond any question, the indictment has been largely theoretical and quite extreme."

He expressed apprehension that the National Soil Conservation Act, by creating new pastures in the middle West, might cause a decrease in numbers of sheep grazed on Far Western ranges. Asserting sheepmen of the West "already have suffered a decrease of two to three million head since 1931, he urged they "join hands against further reduction."

### 'SELF-IMPROVEMENT' IS EMPHASIZED IN NEW BOOKS

"Making the Most of Yourself" is the designation of a shelf which has been arranged in the Wilbarger County Library this week by Miss Lillian Newton, librarian. The books will largely appeal to adults seeking self-improvement, Miss Newton said.

Among them are "How to Live" by Arnold Bennett, "Personality Preferred" by Elizabeth Woodward, "The Art of Thinking" by Ernest Dimnet, "Be Kind to Yourself" by Vash Young, "A Perfect Memory" by Marvin Dana, "The Common Sense of Music" by Sigmund Spaeth, "Any Girl Can Be Good Looking" by Hazel Cades, and "Life's Minor Collisions" by Warner.

Other newer books include "The Old Furniture Book," "Early American Furniture Makers," "Old Glass," and two novels—"The Islands" by Gerald Warner Brues and "A Prayer For My Son" by Hugh Walpole.

### WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING (By The Associated Press)

Senator: Meets for routine business. Wheeler committee resumes railroad financing inquiry.

La Follette committee continues labor espionage study.

House: Begins consideration of deficiency-relief appropriation bill.

Military committee opens hearings on proposal to take profits out of war.

Banking committee opens hearings on extending housing modernization act.

Ways and means committee continues hearings on reciprocal trade agreement extension.

Monday: Senate in recess. House approves \$50,000,000 crop production loan bill.

### QUANAH LOAN ASSOCIATION REPORTS GAIN IN ASSETS

Quanah, Jan. 26.—The assets of the Quanah Federal Savings and Loan Association doubled during 1936, according to the annual report to stockholders made by officers and directors this week. The four per cent dividend was maintained during 1936 and all retiring directors were re-elected.

At a directors' meeting immediately following the annual meeting of stockholders, officers were also re-elected as follows: Spencer Morrow, president; A. A. Keys, vice president; R. R. Gilliland, secretary-treasurer.

### MURDERER IS EXECUTED.

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 26. (AP)—Luther Jones, 32-year-old ex-convict who murdered four men near Elko, Nev., in a \$40 holdup last Oct. 16, paid with his life in the State prison's lethal gas chamber Tuesday.

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## RAGING MISSISSIPPI CLAIMS SCORES OF LIVES AS FIRST RISE OF "SUPER FLOOD" HITS

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 26. (AP)—The Mississippi pounded ominously on its levees Tuesday while the South counted 54 dead and 100,000 homeless in what may be only the prelude to a "super flood" dwarfing the 1927 deluge.

Red Cross officials announced 14 persons drowned early Tuesday when a rescue barge capsized at Paducah, Ky.

Upwards of 1,000,000 acres in the Mississippi basin are under water now but most of this has been done by tributary streams. None could say what would happen when the mad Ohio River dumped its still unreached crest into the parent waterway.

Engineers watched hopefully for results of their first major attempt to forestall disaster—the blasting of a levee below Cairo in Southern Illinois which released thousands of gallons of Mississippi water into a 131,000-acre basin, the Birds Point-New Madrid floodway in Southeast Missouri.

Warning a "super flood is on its way," came from Lieutenant-Colonel Reibold, district chief of U. S. Army Engineers.

Wholesale evacuations of beleaguered towns in Tennessee, Western Kentucky, Southeastern Missouri, Arkansas and Mississippi burdened refugee centers while the Mississippi itself cut the strength of its confining dikes.

"There will be 55 feet in Memphis before the water now in sight from the Ohio moves out," Colonel Reibold said, adding that the crest probably would come within 10 days or two weeks. He predicted general stages along the Mississippi some 10 feet beyond records set in the disastrous 1911 and 1927 floods.

The Mississippi hit 42 feet here

Tuesday, eight feet above flood stage and less than five from the 1913 record of 46.

The unleashed flood temporarily marooned thousands of lowlanders on the Missouri side of the river but at Cairo the Ohio remained stationary Tuesday at 38.65 foot stage, its rise temporarily checked. The threat of inundation was believed lifted for at least 48 hours.

F. J. Noonan, State Highway Department division engineer, said "at least 500 persons" were trapped in the vast Missouri basin. A survey plane pilot confirmed his estimate.

Two Negroes drowned and at least 10 persons were missing after the Mississippi rushed from its course with a current so strong it crushed houses and farm buildings in its path.

U. S. Engineers planned to blast a second opening in the floodway's front-line levee to permit free flow from the main channel.

Women and children hurried out of New Madrid at the southern end of the floodway after Army engineers and the Red Cross ordered that community and the entire southern section of New Madrid County be evacuated.

There were reports farmers planned armed resistance but engineers encountered no opposition when they set the two dynamite charges.

It was suggested that should the flood reach a critical stage governors of the affected southern states declare martial law and dispatch troops to aid in evacuation with the Red Cross directing the task. It was estimated this would mean transfer of 300,000 persons from an area of 2,225,000 acres guarded by a 300-mile levee system—a bulwark thrown up after the disaster of 1937.

Margie McCarter and May Bell Riedel.

### "B" Honor Roll.

Elizabeth Belew, Bobby J. Brown, Glynis Brown, Iona Campbell, Jewel Cary, Leroy Connor, Kenneth Eason, June Alger, Hulda Mae Garrison, Vesta Leah Hallmark, Norma Hoffman, Geneva Jackson, Kathryn King, Ronald Keener, Emmett Lawson, Letta Lutz, Helen Faye Martin, Emmett Maxon, Raymond Moore, Betty Ann Nichols, Gloria Beth Nixon, Evelyn O'Neal, Anita Owens, Ruth Emery Querner, Wanda Samuel, Marge Geary, Peggy Jean Stephens, James Sullivan, Shirley Mae Traxler, Frances White, Melba Ruth White, Vickie Year.

Dan Abbott, Rosemary Arnold, Arilla Barnhill, Doris Barnard, Clarita Casev, Kidie Belle Cole, Maxine Elliott, Peggy Jean Graves, Wallace Grogan, George Hardin, Mary Elizabeth Hardin, Raymond Hampton, Mildred Ruth Hix, Verma Lee Houston, Frank Hood, George Key, Jean Kirkpatrick, Anna Belle Krebs, Ben Long, Mary Virginia Lutz, Lillian Mettler, Jennette Middleton, Billie Nicholson, Maggie Ruth Rector, LaVerne Reis.

### HONOR PUPILS LISTED HERE

Honor rolls for the third six-weeks term and also for the first semester have been announced by D. O. Fulton, principal of the Vernon High School. Nine seniors, one junior, nine sophomores and two post graduate students made averages of 90 or better to win places on the semester honor roll. Eleven seniors, five juniors, 12 sophomores and three post graduates won places on the honor roll for the third six weeks.

### Semester Honor Roll.

Seniors—Lydia Bond, Mary Paige Brooks, Virginia DeShae, Bert Elaine Fuson, Doris King, Chancy Lockard, Louise McDougal, Patricia Ann Pearson, Margaret Webb.

Juniors—Mary Irene Duffy.

Sophomores—Marjorie Ann Cope, Jimmie Puckett Edwards, Ray Ferguson, Geneva Harbour, Betty Jane King, Emily Jane Maxon, Jo Ann Norwood, Jewell Self, Lucy Katherine Weeth.

Post Graduates—Gwendolyn Edwards, Raynah Meyer.

### Third Six Weeks Roll.

Seniors—Lydia Bond, Mary Paige Brooks, Virginia DeShae, Bert Elaine Fuson, Vernice Geis Sophia Mae Gross, Doris King, Chancy Lockard, Louise McDougal, Bernice Moore, Patricia Ann Pearson, Margaret Webb.

Juniors—Mary Irene Duffy, John Cunningham, Mayme Flowers, Yvonne McNamara, Lyman Ripperton.

Sophomores—Marjorie Ann Cope, Iris Dean Collier, Jimmie Puckett Edwards, Ray Ferguson, Sarah Hanlon, John Howell, Betty Jane King, Billy Mack Mann, Emily Jane Maxon, Jo Ann Norwood, Jewell Self, Lucy Katherine Weeth.

Post Graduates—Gwendolyn Edwards, Raynah Meyer, Janet Penix.

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIST ANNOUNCED BY SPRADLIN

Honor rolls for the third six weeks session at the Vernon Junior High School have been announced by Principal John Spradlin. Twelve students were placed on the "A" honor roll and 32 on the "B" honor roll.

### "A" Honor Roll.

Sybil Coffee, Glenn Hall, Bobby Hall, Nelda Jo Hall, Violet Hall, Vera Hall, Sammyle June Porterfield, Madelyn Weeth.

Norma Gaunt, Aileen Hathaway,

Women who hold up rescue boats to powder their noses, or pleaded for boats to return to their homes to save refrigerators, radios or pianos, are the chief complaint of the men who have manned the boats for days and night with little rest.

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## SLOAN BALKS STRIKE TALKS

### G. M. C. PRESIDENT TURNS DOWN BID TO PARLEY ON SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES

Washington, Jan. 26. (AP)—Government efforts to negotiate the General Motors strike stalled again Tuesday over the refusal of Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of the corporation, to confer with union leaders.

Sloan, replying to Secretary Perkins' invitation to a meeting Wednesday, said in New York his organization "must decline to negotiate further with the union while its representatives continue to hold our plants unlawfully."

Getting the sit-down strikers out of the factories, Sloan said, is not an issue to be negotiated further.

### Rescue Barge at Paducah Capsizes With 14 Refugees

Paducah, Ky., Jan. 26. (AP)—Fourteen persons drowned Tuesday when a rescue barge loaded with refugees capsized in the muddy floodwaters coursing the city's streets, Red Cross officials announced.

Details of the accident were not immediately available. Survivors swam to nearby buildings to safety. The threat of fire rods gasoline-filled waters to add further worries.

A 20,000 gallon tank toppled from its mooring in the city's southern supply district and spread a coating of inflammable fluid far across the murky water.

Refugees, riding boats over flooded streets, fled to nearby havens at the rate of 200 per hour, and a third of the 34,000 population was expected to be evacuated within the next few days. The city was under eight to 14 feet of water.

There were unconfirmed reports six

have died in the waters. The hospitals were crowded to capacity.

### FLOOD FACTS

(By The Associated Press)

Homeless—At least 550,000.

Dead—At least 125 in 11 states: Kentucky 37 (including estimate of 12 in reformatory riot in which one official said toll might reach 45); Ohio, 13; Missouri, 13; West Virginia, 9; Tennessee, 23; Indiana, 6; Arkansas, 18; Illinois, 3; Mississippi, 1; Pennsylvania, South Carolina, 1 each.

Weather outlook—Rain or snow in

Ohio and Tennessee valley. Clearing skies in Pennsylvania flood region, rain or snow in parts of Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri.

Relief measures—President Roosevelt designated \$750,000 proposed work relief appropriation as available for flood succor. Red Cross seeks \$4,000,000 in public contributions. Army troops actively aid state authorities—in Louisville and Frankfort, Ky.—first time in 19 years. Cities outside flood belt send nurses, boats, equipment.

GOVERNMENT TO SURVEY  
OCEAN DEPTH IN GULF

Galveston, Jan. 26. (AP)—Government surveys of ocean depths in the Gulf off Galveston will be conducted for two years by 60 officers and men aboard the ship Hydrographer, starting in May, Lieutenant Commander F. S. Borden, commander of the ship, says.

The purpose is to bring nautical charts up to date, Borden says. The survey will be made from 60 to 70 miles off shore from shallow water to a depth of 100 fathoms, or 600

feet.

Borden says the work here will be

from a point about opposite High Island to near Corpus Christi, continuing thereafter to the Rio Grande.

Carl Rokitansky's handbook of

pathological anatomy, written in